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ANTHROPOLOGICAL NOTES

A NOTE ON TWO STONE OBJECTS FROM SOUTHERN BOLIVIA

DURING a recent visit to La Paz, Bolivia, I was shown the two stone objects here illustrated (Fig. 22). They are at present the property of John Davis O'Rear, Esq., Minister from the United States to Bolivia. With about sixty other stone objects of the same sort, these were found by some railway engineers in a large mound in the region of Oruro, Bolivia. The larger of the two is about three feet in height. The material is reddish



FIG. 22.—Stone objects from Southern Bolivia.

sandstone. So far as I have been able to discover, these objects are in no way connected with any of the recognized prehistoric cultures of the region in which they were found. What they are intended to represent, and what their purpose may have been I cannot imagine. The neck or stem at the base is comparatively thin, and it may have been utilized as a means of lashing the heads to poles. This, however, is merely a

conjecture, and the weight of the stones would preclude their having been carried about, although they may have been set up in a stationary position, after the manner of totem-poles and similar things. Perhaps some of the readers of the *American Anthropologist* can furnish a key to the mystery.

PHILIP AINSWORTH MEANS

MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, HEYE FOUNDATION

PROF. MARSHALL H. SAVILLE has recently returned from an expedition to Guatemala in the interest of the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation. The Museum has been conducting archaeological work in Guatemala since January, 1917. During the latter part of the year the field work was under the direction of Mr. Paul Henning, formerly of the Museo Nacional of Mexico, and later assistant inspector of monuments in southern Mexico. Mr. Henning's researches were conducted along the Pacific coast of the republic, especially in the region of Costa Cuca. Important collections have also been obtained from the southern coast regions, where the little-known Szincas still maintain small settlements. An extensive manuscript grammar and vocabulary of the Szinca language was procured for Mr. C. P. Bowditch, of Boston, who is having it reproduced by the photostat process. Owing to the unusually severe earthquakes which destroyed the city of Guatemala, the stratigraphic work which had been planned in the valley has not been accomplished. In the important work of obtaining archaeological material from the various culture centers of Guatemala, the Museum has had the assistance of the President of the Republic, Don Manuel Estrada Cabrera. The Museum is also having excavations made in various parts of British Honduras under the immediate field direction of Dr. Thomas Gann, and interesting results have already been obtained.

Mr. F. W. Hodge proceeded to New Mexico late in May to direct the excavations to be made by the Harmon W. Hendricks Expedition at Hawikuh, the ruined Zuñi pueblo at which successful work was conducted last summer.

Excavation of a village-site at Throggs Neck, within the city limits of New York, is among the archaeological activities of the Museum. The visible remains at this site consist of a shellheap of considerable extent which is in process of thorough examination under the immediate supervision of Mr. Alanson B. Skinner, who already has found numerous aboriginal artifacts indicating the prehistoric occupancy of the place.

Mr. M. Raymond Harrington has resumed his investigations of the ancient village-site at Croton Point on the Hudson, opposite Ossining, which covers an area of many acres. Mr. Harrington has devoted more or less attention to the study of this site for a number of years, and has procured numerous objects of stone, earthenware, bone, and antler, of the kinds typical of the region.

AMERICAN MUSEUM

DR. HERBERT J. SPINDEN left late in March for an extended trip in Colombia, South America. He hopes to make an extensive survey of the archaeological remains of Colombia and carry on ethnological investigations as opportunity affords.

Dr. Spinden has recently been awarded a prize of 5000 francs by the Angrand Foundation of the Bibliothèque nationale of Paris. The award was for the best work in American archaeology, ethnology, or linguistics produced during the years 1913-1918. It is assumed that Dr. Spinden's memoir entitled "Maya Art," issued by the Peabody Museum of Harvard University, was the work considered in the bestowal of this honor.

Mr. Leslie Spier left New York on the twentieth of May to make an examination of the archaeological ruins north of the Salt River, Arizona. If time permits he will undertake ethnological work with the Walapai Indians.

Mr. Earl H. Morris returned to New Mexico early in June to resume work on the Aztec Ruin. If conditions are favorable it is hoped that a considerable part of the ruins still unexcavated may be cleared during the present summer and autumn. Mr. Morris is soon to be joined by Mr. B. Talbot B. Hyde who will assist in the oversight of the work.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

THE University of Pennsylvania Museum has dispatched an expedition to South America under the leadership of Mr. Theodoor de Booy, Assistant Curator in the American Section of the museum, to explore the Sierra Pareja range of mountains in Venezuela not far from Lake Maracaibo. This high range of mountains which juts into Colombia is unexplored and the character of its natives unknown.

Mr. H. U. Hall, Curator of General Ethnology, is serving with an infantry regiment in France.

Dr. Stephen Langdon, Curator of the Babylonian section, is in England serving with a home defense regiment.

Dr. Stephen B. Luce, Curator of the Mediterranean section, has received a lieutenant's commission, junior grade, in the navy and is stationed in Washington.

Mr. C. W. Bishop, Curator of the Oriental section, recently returned from one year of field work in the interior of China.

The Museum is installing a most interesting collection of Mohammedan art which will be opened to public view May 15th.

THE Bureau of American Ethnology has on hand a limited number of copies of Major Powell's articles on Technology, or the science of industries; Sociology, or the science of institutions; Philology, or the science of activities designed for expression; Sophiology, or the science of activities designed to give instruction. Copies of these separates, which were originally printed in the Twentieth Annual Report can be obtained by application to the Bureau of American Ethnology.

MR. NEIL M. JUDD has recently visited many of the ruins in the Kaibab National Forest in northwestern Arizona and that portion of the Grand Canyon National Monument north of the Colorado River. The trip was an archaeological reconnaissance.

MR. JUDD entered military service as an aviator about June first, an extension of time having been granted him by request of Secretary Walcott of the Smithsonian Institution.

MISS MARJORIE A. MALLORY, a member of the Association, sailed for France early in June to undertake secretarial work for the Y. M. C. A. Miss Mallory for nearly two years assisted in the editing of the *American Anthropologist*, and during the last year was chiefly responsible for the form and details of the publication.

DR. T. T. WATERMAN has been selected to inaugurate the anthropological work of the University of Washington at Seattle. Dr. Waterman is to be Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Social Science. A small fund has been established for the furtherance of research in anthropology.

At the last meeting of the Anthropological Society of Philadelphia, March 21st, Dr. A. L. Kroeber of the University of California spoke on "The Superorganic."